

APPENDIX C
Public Hearing & Comment Period

City of Harrisonburg
2006 Action Plan

PUBLIC MEETING #1

In addition to a published notice of the November 29, 2004, public meeting in Harrisonburg's *Daily News Record*, a flyer was posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of the municipal building, inviting interested persons and organizations to attend the meeting. Additionally, the meeting notification and information was available on the City's website, on City Span (the public information/access cable channel), and it was emailed to approximately 55 individuals and agencies who are on the City's CDBG mailing list. Further, the meeting was announced on a local radio station, and both the local paper and the local TV station did stories on the City's CDBG program and the meeting.

2006 ACTION PLAN PUBLIC MEETING November 29, 2004

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Kim Alexander, Block Grant Coordinator & Kurt Hodgen, Assistant City Manager

ORGANIZATIONS IN ATTENDANCE:

Community Association for Rural Transportation (CART)
Harrisonburg Redevelopment and Housing Authority (HRHA)
Harrisonburg Parks & Recreation Department
Valley Associates for Independent Living, Inc. (VAIL)
Training to Achieve Rewarding Careers, Inc. (TARC)
James Madison University
Friends of Blacks Run Greenway (FBRG)
Design Genesis
Valley Program for Aging Services (VPAS)
Gemeinschaft Home
Rural Broadband Network Services (RBNS)
Skyline Literacy Coalition
Reading Road Show
A Dream Come True Accessible Playground
Harrisonburg-Rockingham Free Clinic
Roberta Webb Child Care Center (RWCCC)
Shenandoah Spay & Neuter Clinic
Boys & Girls Club
Valley AIDS Network (VAN)
Big Brothers Big Sisters
Rockingham Memorial Hospital (RMH)

There were 25 individuals and 2 staff in attendance, for a total of 27 persons present.

COMMENTS FROM ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTED:

The majority of the Public Meeting was spent gathering citizen input on funding priorities. The following funding priorities were acknowledged by the public. These priorities are in the order that they were mentioned at the meeting, not in order of priority. However, each asterisk (*) denotes a reiteration of the respective priority by other members of the public audience.

Public Housing**
Health Care (Medical & Dental)**
Transportation*
Computer Training
ESL Training & Services (Translation)
Senior Services (Meals) (Housing)
ADA Accessibility
Literacy*
Community Resources – Information Services
Sign Language Translation

Sidewalks/Curb Cuts
Using CDBG to leverage other funds
Playgrounds (Handicapped Accessible)
Crime Prevention
Youth Services

Surveys were distributed at the Public Meeting soliciting funding priorities, and this survey was also made available on the City website. To date, the City has received 61 survey responses for the 2006 year. Survey responses indicate the following priorities, with the corresponding number of surveys listing them:

1. Senior Services (39) \$\$\$
2. Affordable Housing (including public housing) (22) \$\$\$
3. Health/Dental Services (22) \$\$\$
4. Parks & Recreation (14) \$\$\$
5. Childcare (14)
6. Homeless Services (11) \$\$\$
7. Job Creation / Training (11)
8. Handicapped Accessibility (11) \$\$\$
9. Sidewalks/Street Improvements (7) \$\$\$
10. Disabled Services (6) \$\$\$
11. Transportation (6)
12. ESOL (5)
13. After-school Programming (5)
14. Elimination of Slum & Blight (4)
15. Crime/Gang Prevention (4)
16. Utilities (4)
17. Childhood Education/Schools (4)
18. Community Resource Center/Information Referral (4)
19. Youth Services (2) \$\$\$
20. Signage (1) \$\$\$
21. Housing Modifications (1) \$\$\$
22. Counseling (1)
23. GED classes (1)

Projects addressing 11 of these priorities (noted with "\$\$\$") are recommended for CDBG funding. The funded projects addressing numbers 19, 20, and 21 also address numbers 3, 9, and 8, respectively.

PUBLIC HEARING #2

The second Public Hearing was also advertised in the *Daily News Record*, on the City website, on City Span, on the bulletin board in the lobby of the municipal building, and the meeting notification was emailed to approximately 55 individuals and agencies that are on the City's CDBG mailing list.

2006 ACTION PLAN PUBLIC MEETING April 6, 2005

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Kim Alexander, Block Grant Coordinator; Kurt Hodgen, Assistant City Manager;
& Miriam Dickler, Public Information Officer

ORGANIZATIONS IN ATTENDANCE:

*****COMPLETE AFTER MEETING*****

The following public comments were heard at the April 6, 2005, Public Meeting:

*****ENTER COMMENTS HERE*****

COMMENT PERIOD

CITY OF HARRISONBURG 2006 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN PUBLIC COMMENTS SUMMARY & CITY RESPONSE

Harrisonburg's 30-day Public Comment Period ran from April 7, 2005 to May 6, 2005. Some comments were received prior to the start of this period, and they will also be mentioned and considered.

*****ENTER COMMENTS AND RESPONSES HERE*****

Comments received after the 30-day Public Comment Period (ending May 6, 2005) will not be included in this appendix. However, all comments, regardless of when they are received, will be maintained in the City's CDBG files, along with the City's responses to those comments.